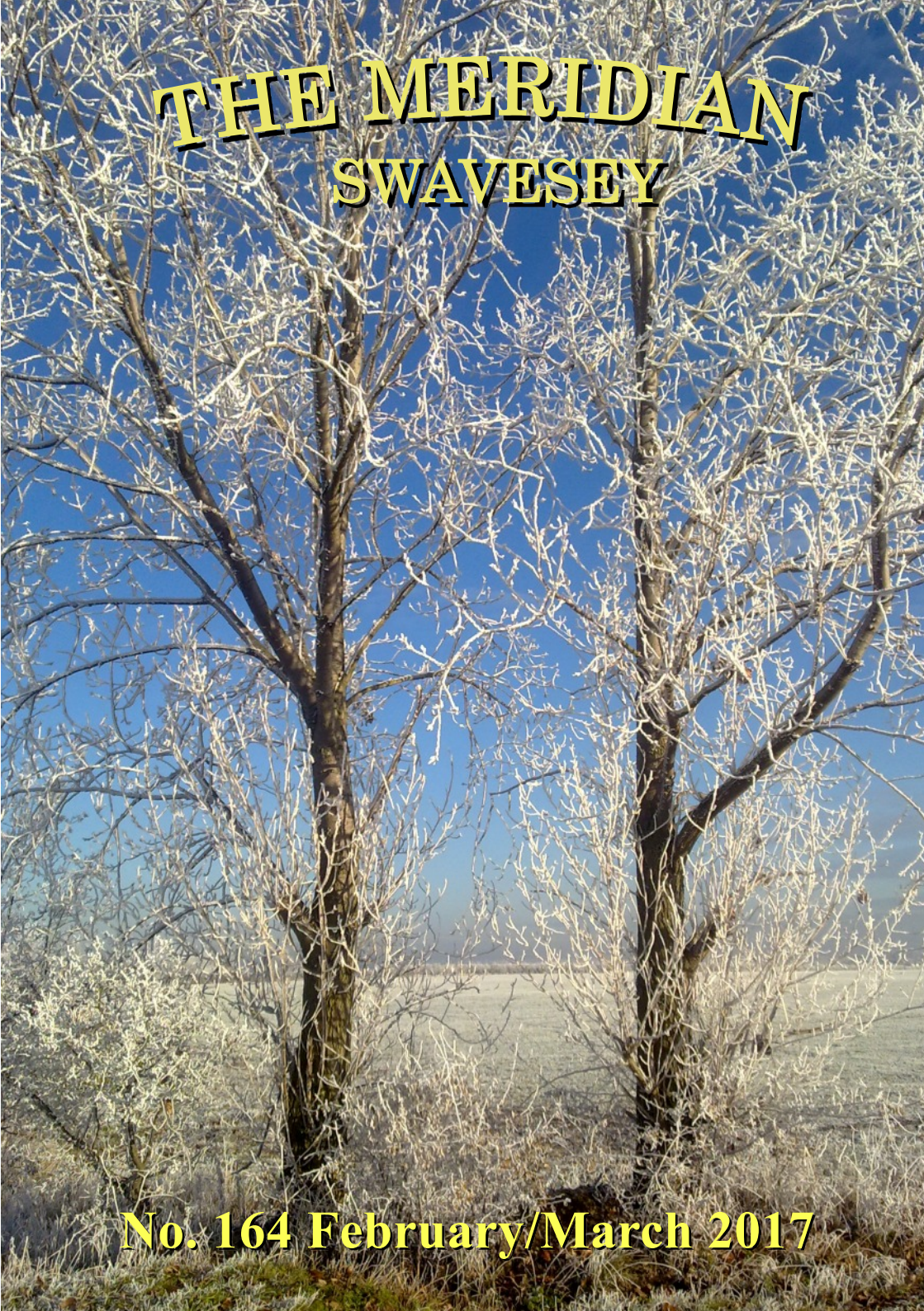

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EDITORIAL

The long dark nights of winter are starting to get shorter and we can look forward to spring, spending more time in the garden and outside and hoping for some warm sunshine!

Easter is later this year so if you have an event that is happening in the run up to Easter or after then let us know so we can give it some publicity. Remember we can display posters in the magazine in colour if you have a cover space and this is FREE as long as it is a village event or charity. The same poster as A4 can be displayed on the busway noticeboard! so get in touch with your editor who can do this for you.

The deadline for copy for the next issue is **20th February** for the April/May issue. Apologies for forgetting to put it in for the Feb/ March one!

Editor

Cover Image - 'Frosty Day' by Edwin Parish
Inside Front Cover - Winning Angel
Inside Back Cover - Pop Quiz
Back Cover - 'Spring at last' by Edwin Parish

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

2017

Saturday February 4 April Martin Energise – Dance Showcase 2.00pm and 7.00pm at Swavesey Venue. Tickets - www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc or Telephone: 01954 230 366

Saturday March 11 Swavesey Festival Pop Quiz - 7.30pm at The Windmill, Hale Road. Tickets £5 from the windmill 01954 232247 or swaveseytickets@gmail.com

Saturday April 1 Easter Bazaar 10am – 3pm at Swavesey Windmill in aid of Alzheimer's research. Crafts Activities Children's Easter Hat competition.

Sunday May 14 Over Day Centre The 5 Pub Challenge & Meridian Meander Sponsored Charity 11.5, 18 and 26 Mile Circular Walks. (new 18 mile walk added for 2017). Starts from Over Day Centre Tel: 07891 890302

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February		
Wednesday 1	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 4	April Martin	Energise – Dance Showcase 2.00pm and 7.00pm at Swavesey Venue Tickets - www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc or Telephone: 01954 230 366
Wednesday 8	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Wednesday 8	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	7.30pm in Over Town Hall - 'The History of Botanic Illustration' - Philippa Croft - Enthusiastic Artist and Garden Designer
Wednesday 15	Refuse Collection	Blue Bin only
Wednesday 22	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
March		
Wednesday 8	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	7.30pm in Over Town Hall - 'To the End of the World and Beyond' - Neville Tait
Saturday 11	Swavesey Festival	Pop Quiz - 7.30pm at The Wnidmill, Hale Road Tickets £5 from the windmill 01954 232247 or swaveseytickets@gmail.com
April		
Saturday 1	Swavesey Windmill	Easter Bazaar 10am – 3pm at Swavesey Windmill in aid of Alzheimer's research. Crafts Activities Children's Easter Hat competition.

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15. To take part in this popular competition phone Sally Unwin on 01954 230200. Latest winners are:

	£	November 2016	December 2016
First prize	60	Glyn Jones	Vikki Bidwell
Second prize	30	Gordon Hilton- Jackson	Carol Dyer
Third prize	15	Peter Fuller	Simon Shore

CLUB REPORTS

Swavesey W.I. Report

Dates for Diary

February 13th 2017 "Something Sweet" by Deborah Walker.

March 13th 2017 Annual General Meeting followed by Kristen Ellery singing songs from the Musicals.

Our new programme for 2017 promises to be varied and hopefully will have something for everyone!!
Swavesey W.I. meets every second Monday in the month in the Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm.

If you would like more information on any of the above meetings, Please ring Deirdre on 01954 230897.
www.swavesey-womens-institute.org.uk
https://en-gb.facebook.com/Swavesey-Womens-Institute-611198178977768

Swavesey & District History Society

The AGM of the Swavesey & District History Society took place on 6 December 2016, with about 35 members present. The formal meeting was brief, and then three members of the Society told us about research into their family/local history. The first was Eileen Webster who told us how she came to live in Over, and went on to tell us about a distant member of her Bicheno family who had been kidnapped in London and sold as a slave in America! After several years as a slave tutoring his master's son, he managed to get word back to Over that he was alive and well in America. His father raised enough money to buy his release and he returned to England.

Our second speaker was Vera Lee from Over who gave us a very informative talk on various places where she has lived, with lots of very interesting local history snippets relating to those places. Carolyn Redmayne was the third speaker and talked on her research into Dr. John Samuel Phene, an eccentric gentleman who lived in Chelsea, London, in the 1800s. His connection with Over was quite tenuous, as he never lived there, but both his female servants were from Over. They were sisters, Sarah and Ann Farey, whose father was a blacksmith in Over. They worked for Dr. Phene all their lives, and continued to live in Chelsea until their respective deaths, when they were both buried at St. Mary's, Over. Their widowed mother also left Over to work for Dr. Phene. He had a 'museum' in Chelsea where he housed a vast collection of statues, and other interesting items. In this museum, he had a pair of quern stones that were discovered in Over in the 1880s, but no trace of them can now be found. After the speakers, a light buffet of mince pies, sausage rolls, biscuits and sweets was served, along with delicious mulled apple juice, all provided by the Committee.

NEWS UPDATE – JANUARY 2017

The two men's teams and one ladies team are now playing their Cambs. Interclub matches. All teams welcome new players and if you would like to be involved please contact those above. We also have a club league and ladder for those players wanting regular friendly matches and team training on Monday nights.

The juniors have had too many successes to list this year with particular success for Malik and Mumin Bilen, Milly and Rawdon Prothero and Hannah Gingell. Junior club is on Tuesday this year with sessions from 3pm – 6pm.

We ran a fun family tournament at the end of December with Tim Daniel winning the top league and Debby Rushton the second league.

Two of our courts are being repaired and cleaned at the beginning of January to spruce them up for the rest of the season.

Visit our web site to learn more about the club – www.fenlandsquash.org.uk

For information, contact:- Brian Chapman 01954 230784, Glynis Fenwick 01954 230634 OR info@fenlandsquash.org.uk

Glynis Fenwick (glynisfenwick@googlemail.com)

Swavesey Community Choir - Always enjoyed singing?

Whether it is in the shower, in the car or just once a year at the Christmas carol service, why not join our Community choir and have the joy of singing every week!

We meet every Wednesday evening (during term time) at Swavesey Village College!

No auditions or previous experience required, just enthusiasm!

Please use the contact details below to check out starting dates and for more information:

Email: swavesey.community.choir@gmail.com

Website: http://www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Swavesey-Community-Choir-176273139080729/

It's Competition Time

It hardly seems possible but already in your magazine you will find a poster telling you of our Annual Exhibition, and giving all the details of this year's Open Competition. We always try to give you plenty of time to pick your favourites, or even go out specially to find that winning shot. Last year we had such a rush of excellent entries that we were struggling to do them justice, either in the judging or putting them on display on the day, so reluctantly we have to restrict entries to 4 per competitor. This is in line with our own Club competitions, now so well subscribed that sometimes we are restricted to a frustrating 2 only, or the Judge would be demanding breakfast.

From the start of February we go straight into one of our most important Club competitions, the Bamber Trophy, (2nd Feb).This has been a favourite since the days of slides: a set of 5 images showing the widest range of skills and topics. Now we have all gone on to Digital processing the variety is astounding. A month later on March 2nd we have a more casual evening when the subject is 'Shakespeare'; these Set Subjects are always a challenge; the original idea was to encourage our members to go out and take something new, rather than search their files for anything that just about fits the bill. If you look on our website you might find a very fine Clockwork Orange entered in the one on films. On March 23rd we have the Themed Print Panel; this time it is for 5 mounted prints to be shown together as a balanced set, each image as strong as all the rest, illustrating a single theme of your own choice.

On Feb 9th we have "Essential Camera Skills" by Richard Haughton. Just as it says on the box this is an evening when we can bring along our cameras and tripods, revise the basics in discussion and interaction, all on a variety of levels. The following week the College is closed so we will meet for a Pub Evening when we can continue these discussions, or just enjoy a friendly, social night out.

As usual we have several excellent talks planned, some of which will be advertised on posters for a wider audience. On Feb 23rd Judy and Dave Hodgson bring us "Pradesh and Pantanal" which sounds a bit like a Bollywood movie, but features wildlife from opposite sides of the world, India and Brazil. On March 9th Colin Southgate, who has been well known for 30 years, gives us "The Pictures Wot I Took"; Colin still loves traditional monochrome and is involved with several innovative and creative groups. On March 30th Dave Mason claims "I shoot People", mostly in London, looking for the extraordinary and surreal.

Don't forget to put April 29th into your diary or you might miss our popular Exhibition (and the cakes) or worse, forget to go out and take your best picture ever and win our Open Competition.

Mo Hadfield
Swavesey Camera Club
www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

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There will be three categories – junior school; senior school; and adults. Adult prize of 1 year's membership to SCC (worth £63) and cash prizes of £25 to the two junior winners. No more than four images per entrant.

The closing date for entries is Sat April 22nd 2017. Winning entries will be displayed at our Annual Exhibition on Sat May 6th 2017 in the Swavesey Memorial Hall.

rspb giving nature a home

The days are beginning to get longer and the sun is beginning to warm the ground as we start to leave the winter of 2016/2017 behind and enter a new spring. This is a great time of year to head out for a stroll, especially as many of our resident birds such as blue tits, blackbirds and dunnocks will already be prospecting suitable nesting areas and potential mates ahead of the 2017 breeding Season.

We have been busy preparing for the 2017 breeding season across the reserve and have installed a floating fence around one of the islands at Moore lake. The purpose of the fence is to stop terrestrial predators such as foxes from accessing the island and therefore hopefully improve the productivity of species such as lapwing which nest here. Anti-predator fences have been deployed at other RSPB reserves to good effect, however to my knowledge none of them have ever constructed a floating fence on an active flood plain before, so it will be interesting to see how the fence fairs if the reserve floods.

Photograph taken by Luke Wake

February and March are a good time to look forward into the coming year and I am already anticipating spring and autumn passage migration, as I believe this is the most exciting time of the year in terms of the potential for less obvious species to pay the reserve a visit. On my wish list are red-footed falcon, black stork, red-rumped swallow and red-backed shrike.

This is a great time of the year to shake off those winter blues and head out into the countryside and explore. So why not wrap up warm, pack some lunch and head over to Fen Drayton Lakes to see and hear the first signs of spring.

Luke Wake – Assistant warden – Fen Drayton Lakes.

Now taking bookings for autumn. The Beavers have joined already

Winter cauliflowers, parsnips, cabbages, leeks, sprouting broccoli, celery, Brussels sprouts, curly kale, celeriac and possibly chard are being harvested at Hale Road allotments as this is being written in December and also when you are reading it in February. The biggest advantage that tenants see in having an allotment plot is that we have very fresh vegetables harvested on the day and which taste much better than produce from the supermarket. Then in our freezers we have raspberries, currants, gooseberries, peas, beans and sweetcorn with potatoes, onions, garlic and squashes stored in our garages – not to mention the jars of strawberry jam.

The National Allotment Society recommends a plot size of 10 poles which is 300 sq yds or 250 m2. We decided back in 2012 that this was unnecessarily large and carried the risk that unused land would become weedy. So we went for half that size and settled on plots with dimensions of 22 m X 5.7 m (24 yds X 6¼ yds). All 60 plot holders are relieved that we decided on the smaller size and agree it is big enough to grow plenty of fresh food while not being so big that digging in autumn and weed control throughout the season become difficult tasks.

In addition to the freshness of our seasonal food, the next major benefit of managing an allotment plot is that it allows us to keep active in the fresh air and physically fit without having to wear Lycra. Our car park is big and solid but we also have cycle stands next to the recycled produce cupboard because sheds are allowed on site in which to store tools etc. so we don't always need to drive to the site. The waterless toilet that we had installed last June means we can take a flask and sandwiches with us and comfortably work for as much time as we like.

In November we dug the bare ground which was not growing a winter crop and left it for winter weather, especially the action of freezing and thawing, to break down the lumps and go a long way towards forming a seedbed ready for spring. So we let nature help us with the job of cultivation. Although digging is the most strenuous task, we also get much exercise out of regularly hoeing the soil to keep down the weeds and to allow air into the land. We are well aware that the best time to go weeding is when there aren't any weeds there. Carrying buckets and watering cans full of water to our plots in summer is not an arduous task because, with eight large water tanks on site, nobody is more than 30 metres from a tank.

In truth, now that we are in our fifth cropping year even the digging has got easier over time because of the large amount of bulky organic manures we have

incorporated into our soil. Because of this, some of the plots now have topsoil resembling John Innes compost. With many weighbridge tickets available it can be quite accurately calculated that in four years we have imported at least 390 tonnes of manures. Around two thirds of this has been local authority compost from AmeyCespa, who use Swavesey's green bin waste as a feedstock at Waterbeach, and the remainder split between cattle manure and horse poo. Assuming a wheelbarrow load of manure typically weighs 40 kg this means that each 150 sq yd plot has received 185 wheelbarrow loads on average - honestly it does. Some of our plot holders are accused of being easily amused.

Our plot holders consist of individuals, couples, families both with young and older children, retired, working and young persons. In 2016 the 1st Swavesey Beavers used part of Abigail's plot (who helps to run the Beaver Scout group) to grow several plants of a wide range of crops from radish to tomatoes in order to learn where their food comes from and for their families to taste really fresh food. Some of these youngsters, possibly with a bit of help from parents and grandparents, grew better crops than Abigail! Nearby plot holders often heard their delight when they dug up a potato or pointed out how quickly their beetroot were growing. They made such good progress that they have taken a plot of their own in 2017, paid the annual rent and signed the Tenancy Agreement – which includes a rule that no camp fires or even barbecues are allowed on site.

In early February we collected our individual packages of vegetable and flower seeds delivered from Kings Seeds in Essex. As members of the National Allotment Society we purchase our seeds for half, or less, of what the same varieties and quantities would cost from other seed houses such as Marshalls Seeds or Suttons Seeds. The catalogue is very comprehensive, e.g. offering 27 varieties of carrot and 21 cauliflower varieties. The list of benefits goes on, including 10% discount on purchases at Madingley Mulch and at Oakington Garden Centre.

Although all 60 plots are taken in 2017 there will inevitably be about 10% turnover in autumn, same as on any allotment site, so we always welcome more Swavesey residents to come and join us. There are plenty of experienced growers on site who are delighted to guide those unsure about their crop husbandry ability. Furthermore, we have a number of half plots if you are nervous about taking on a plot – or how about joining forces with a friend or neighbour as some have done from the start. If you are interested in growing your own seasonal, fresh vegetables and fruit and in getting some exercise in the open air contact Selwyn on 07731 585450 for more details or, better still, to arrange a site walkover.

Swavesey Spartans FC

At the Christmas break in the 2016/17 season the number of postponements due to the weather has again been negligible, mirroring last season. The Christmas break is when a mini league realignment takes place for the players of primary school age. This process matches sides of similar strength and recognises how well players have adjusted as numbers increase (5 active players to 7 and onto 9) and pitches become proportionally larger. When players reach 11 a side 90 minute games and then leave us for adult football they have been through an evolving process; a huge step forward over the last 2 decades. We continue to use the pitches in Elsworth and Fen Drayton as well as Swavesey Village College, but after a couple of years football has returned to Swavesey Recreation Ground. We hope that villagers get behind the guys on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons - refreshments are generally available from the Pavilion.

Vacancies:- The club needs a new Treasurer and helpers to start up the Under 6 team from the current year one school year. Changing Treasurer mid season is a move dictated by circumstances but has great advantages compared to taking over in May at the AGM when the seasons overlap. We currently have teams running in every school year from year 2 up to and including year 10. We are desperate for this to continue and so far have one year one parent volunteer and we need 2. Please get in contact, without obligation, if you can help even if you have no connection with year one and limited football knowledge.

Spartans Day: - As usual the club will be holding the annual Spartans Day on Swavesey Green and this has provisionally been planned for Sunday 18 June 2017 (Father's Day). We will confirm the date and publicise it nearer the date, but as you populate your 2017 calendars please pencil this day in. A day of family fun and a display of children's football skills for us all to enjoy. This is a village event with a football theme surrounded by gazebos, picnics and smiling faces. We welcome everyone to join us for the day especially as the bi-annual Swavesey Festival does not take place in 2017 and this is a key village interaction opportunity for us all.

Partnership with Cambridge United FC:- Swavesey Spartans are one of the Chartered Standard Clubs who have signed up to the partnering relationship with Cambridge United. As part of this Swavesey Spartans will benefit from some of the resources available through this programme. There are discounts offered to our players for the Cambridge United holiday and term time Soccer Schools and Soccer Centres, which have Swavesey Village College as one of their locations. Players and parents are offered heavily discounted tickets to selected Football League 2 matches which gives our players a chance to watch football in a proper ground at affordable prices whilst manager, Shaun Derry, is trying to guide his team to promotion to League One.

Safeguarding:- You would have read recently the disappointing and appalling news regarding the failure of certain high profile clubs and officials to protect the welfare of children under their supervision. The FA have taken these revelations seriously and have moved quickly not only to commence an inquiry into not only the reported events but to review the control mechanisms that allowed for these incidents to take place. Swavesey Spartans is equally keen to reassure parents that their children entrusted to our now large community of coaches and club officials do and will continue to participate in a safe and fun environment. That commitment is re-enforced by our desire to complete the process to achieving FA Charter Status. In order to be awarded this accolade the club is required to be rigorously checked in terms of how the club is run and more importantly demonstrate that all officials have the prerequisite level of training and qualifications, including criminal records checks and mandatory attendance of safe guarding child welfare courses.

The FA have published The film, featuring Wayne Rooney, Steph Houghton, Jack Rutter and Nathaniel Chalobah, which explains how both parents and children can raise concerns they have about adults working in football and centred around how the 8,500 safeguarding officers working across England football take the following four steps;

1. Checked – to ensure adults are suitable to work with youngsters
2. Trained – from coaches to referees, all are given suitable safeguarding training
3. Hear – concerns from both children and adults will be listened to
4. Report – the importance of raising concerns about a child's welfare

Following these simple but crucial steps means that there is a framework in place to ensure that, if standards ever fall short with poor practice or unacceptable behaviour, they can be addressed.
You can see this video and read more at;
http://www.thefa.com/news/2016/dec/02/england-leaders-explain-4-steps-to-safeguarding?utm_campaign=1795326&utm_content=617227008&utm_medium=email&utm_source=SmartFocus

As a club we already have an appointed role of Child Welfare and Protection Officer, filled by a person who has no specific affiliation to any one team with the club, and as such has responsibility for the club as a whole. If anyone has any concerns about the welfare of a child, or would like to know more about how we are working to protect their welfare, please don't hesitate to contact the Child Welfare and Protection Officer or indeed any other club official. If however you wish to discuss any specific concerns outside of the club, or the wider FA enquiry a dedicated NSPCC helpline has been commissioned and can be contacted using 0800 023 2642

Website:- Our website is there to keep you up to date on all matters Spartans. The site is www.swaveseyspartans.co.uk (please note there is no "fc" in the address now.) please contact the club using the details on the site or the details in the club section of this Meridian. Feedback on the site is welcome

VILLAGE NEWS

SWAVESEY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

We hope that you were able to attend the Christmas carols event in Market St this year, we were very fortunate again to have excellent weather albeit a bit chilly. We hope you enjoyed the evening singing carols and having a special visit from Father Christmas, which make this a magical and festive event.

We wanted to say a special thank you to:

- Claire and Nigel Drake from Drakes Newsagents in Market St, for their very generous donation of confectionary, this was greatly appreciated.
- David Hackshaw from YPL Events who kindly provided the sound system on the night.
- All those who donated raffle prizes including White Horse, La Mac, Quantum Leap Group, many Swavesey residents, we had some excellent prizes this year and we really do appreciate your support.

Thank you to all our helpers on the night including:

- The Scouts for selling the Christmas carol booklets and the Cub helpers for doing the hot chocolate.
- All the helpers for the mulled wine & raffle stalls, they did an absolutely sterling job, as did Mr & Mrs Pook who did us proud, yet again, by providing an endless supply of hot mulled wine.
- Our wonderful reindeers for helping Father Christmas deliver some Christmas spirit to our lovely Swavesey children.
- To all those who helped set up and clear away on the night.

We hope we haven't missed anyone off our thank you list, apologies if we have, we really do appreciate all your support. We rely heavily on the support of volunteers to help make this event a success. Please let us know if you can volunteer for next year's event as I'd like to handover the organisation and administration of this event to someone else now, Jeff can still provide help.

We do hope that you all enjoyed this year's event. Please remember that this event is financed solely by money collected on the night and donations. This year, we were able to cover our costs and make donations to the 1st Swavesey Scout Group and Swavesey Action for Youth, so thank you very much for your kind support.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year from Claire & Jeff Cockram 01954 205120 clairecockram@hotmail.co.uk

***** SAVE THE DATE *****

THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE
and
THE MERIDIAN MEANDER

Sponsored Charity 11.5, 18 and 26 Mile Circular Walks
(new 18 mile walk added for 2017)

Sunday 14th May 2017
from The Over Day Centre
1 Dring's Close, Over, Cambs CB24 5NZ

(For further information contact amandamonks42@gmail.com or 07891 890302)

The Swavesey Community Warden, Tracey Booth, organised and held an afternoon tea and entertainment event in October as part of Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age (CCA) celebrations. Each year a number of organisations from across the county, host events for older people to promote the wellbeing of older people and to celebrate United Nations International Day of Older People which takes place on 1st October. Over 50 older residents attended the event on 18th October at Bethel Baptsist Church.

Tracey, helped by other Age UK warden colleagues, said "It was a fantastic day. Everyone enjoyed themselves very much. We had singer Bondy, drinks and so much cake people took home goodie bags! Thank you to everyone who came and made it so successful and such fun."

The community warden scheme is managed by Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It is for anyone over the age of 60 in need of assistance to remain living independently at home. The warden offers support by a daily home visit or telephone call to make you feel secure and provide a source of contact. The warden can also help with other things such as getting small items of shopping, collecting prescriptions and making telephone calls on your behalf. The warden can visit on a short term basis (eg whilst you are unwell), or longer term.

If you would like to know more you can contact Tracey directly on 07436 102736 or call Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for information and advice on a wide variety of matters ring 0300 666 9860.

Look out for next year's celebration and come and join the fun!

We had a wonderful pre-Christmas event enjoyed by over 60 visitors' and one special visitor. Come and join us in the New Year at the Village College

We have free Wifi access to computers, a wide range of books for all ages. Come and join us. We have regular story times for young children. Look out for our posters

We continue to welcome donations of good quality books for our shelves or to sell to meet our running costs. Remember you are always welcome and will find the Library at the Village College. Follow the signs to our entrance at the end of the vehicle drive past the small roundabout.

If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	**202707**	**Sarah Hellon**	**230960**
Jacqui Fuller	**230774**	**Sue Jones**	**230650**
John Pook	**230978**	**Doug and Lorraine Hunt**	**232478**

We always welcome volunteers to help man the Library so please join us and keep your library alive!!!

HELP - Volunteers urgently needed!

Could you spare a few hours a month to help run Swavesey library? One of our valued volunteers is moving out of the area and we need to find people to take his place. No IT experience is needed, there are always two volunteers on duty and you don't have to commit to doing lots of duties – even one 2 hour shift a month would be welcomed.

Swavesey library, which is part of the Cambridgeshire Library Service, is located in the old entrance hall of the Village College and is well stocked with adult and children's books as well as having lots of second hand books available to buy. Books can be ordered from other libraries too. Opening times are:-
Tuesdays 3.30 – 5.30pm,
Wednesdays 6 – 8pm and Thursdays 6 -8pm.
On the 1st Saturday of the month the library is open between 10 and 12noon.

If you think you might like to be involved in keeping this community facility going please telephone Lorraine Hunt 01954 232478 or pop along to the library and have a chat with one of our volunteers. Without more volunteers the library is in danger of closing.

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DID YOU KNOW?

We all see signs from Estate Agents in our streets whenever a house is for sale or to let but did you know there are rules regarding where they may go? The "For Sale "signs go up quickly but all too often the "Sold" signs stay for weeks and sometimes do not get removed until the new house owner takes them down. Now where the signs are on someone's drive or house it does not impact on the street/road but when these signs are attached to road signs e.g. the name of a road then things are different. Please see attached information kindly supplied by South Cambridgeshire District Council, they can contact the agents and ask for the signs to be removed or relocated, so do not be afraid to report it.

Thanks to Sue Ellington our district councillor for her help with this.
Editor

Below is a copy of information from the County Council.

Dear Councillor Ellington and Mrs Martin,
Just to update you regarding the Estate Agents signage at the junction of Black Horse Lane and Chantry Close Swavesey;

I have this morning contacted both Leaders Estate Agency and Haart Estate Agency and advised them that the placing of signage on road furniture is in contravention of the Town and Country Planning act and in breach of the Estate Agents Code of Practice and advised them that the signage must be removed within 48 hours to comply with the legislation. Both have agreed to do this.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

William Trotter | Planning Enforcement Officer

Doctors Surgeries

Swavesey Surgery
(01954) 230202
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:-
www.swaveseysurgery.nhs.uk

Over Surgery
(01954) 231550
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:- www.oversurgery.nhs.uk

Longstanton
(01954) 207600
Out of hours 111
Website:-
www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Bar Hill Surgery
(01954) 780442
Out of hours (01954) 780442 -
call will automatically be diverted
Website:- www.mhmaple.co.uk/

Fenstanton
7E High Street, Fenstanton
01480 461873
Out of hours 01480 461873.
call will automatically be diverted
Website:-
www.northcotehousesurgery

See our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk for the full and latest surgery newsletters. Ed

Extract from the Over Surgery News letter December 2016

CQC Inspection

The surgery had a routine inspection by the Care Quality Commission on Thursday 24th November. The summary feedback received from the team at the end of the day found no areas of concern and felt that the practice was well led, caring, effective and responsible in all aspects. A full report will be published in the surgery and on the website for you to view once it is received.

Carole's Walks

Do you want to improve your general health, fitness and meet people?
Come and join Carole for a half an hour walk. The walk starts at the surgery and takes place around the village on:

Monday's 12.30pm
Thursday's 1.30pm
Friday's 1.30pm
Everybody is welcome

Dr Kate Lowery

We are delighted that Dr Kate Lowery will be returning from maternity leave at the beginning of January to complete her GP training. She will be then be joining us as a regular GP.

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

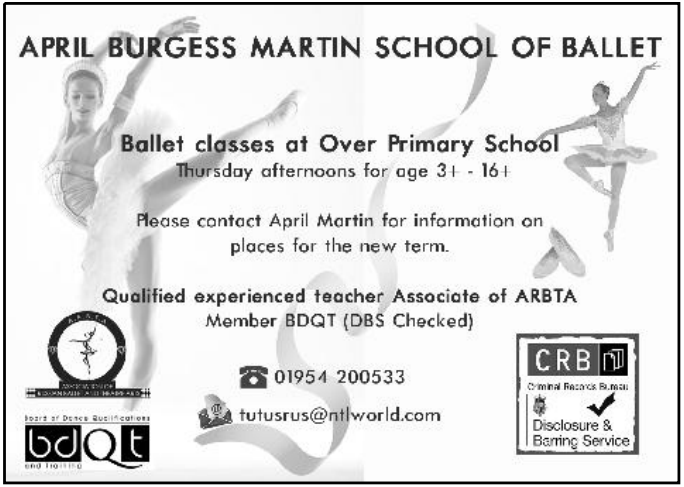
Swavesey Music School

£3.50 per session!

9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms II		8+yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms III		Grade 3+
11am – 12pm	Junior Orchestra	instrumental ensemble	all levels; all ages
	Rock School	guitars, drums, vocals	9+yrs

Swavesey Music School
Swavesey Village College
Gibraltar Lane
Swavesey
CB24 4RS

Audrey Caldwell, Director of Music
acaldwell@swaveseyvc.co.uk
http://swaveseyms.co.uk/


APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET
Ballet classes at Over Primary School
Thursday afternoons for age 3+ - 16+
Please contact April Martin for information on places for the new term.
Qualified experienced teacher Associate of ARBTA
Member BDQT (DBS Checked)
01954 200533
tutusrus@ntlworld.com
bdQt
CRB
Criminal Records Bureau
Disclosure & Barring Service

Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am
In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10–12noon
At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am, all ages. £4

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group – "Swavesey playgroups".
A great chance to meet local parents.

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

St Andrews News

Well what a busy time we had over Advent and Christmas. Starting with the Toy Sale and quickly followed by the Advent Fayre and Craft Day and then all the Christmas services.

The Advent Fayre and Craft Day was a great success with twenty-one organisations and individuals creating angels for display in the church throughout Advent and Christmas. They really were magnificent alongside the brilliant flying ones produced by Carole Pook and Jill Holland. Visitors voted for their favourite angels in two categories, children's and adults. The results were:

Children: 1st - 1st Swavesey Rainbows.
2nd - 1st Swavesey Brownies.
3rd - 1st Swavesey Cubs.

Adults: 1st - Swavesey Newsagents.
2nd - Meridian Quilters.
3rd - Caroline Stevens.

Christmas, as it should, focused on the children and our travelling nativity scene visited many houses in the village including several days in the primary school. Once again the Christingle Service was well supported and £332.01 was raised for the Children's Society. The Sunday school produced a Nativity Play which included super heroes who thought baby Jesus was going to take their jobs! On Christmas Eve, jointly with Bethel Baptist Church, we held a Crib Service.

During January we hosted a Burn's Supper and Ceilidh. On 26th March, we will be providing Tea at the "Ritz" in the Memorial Hall. If you would like to attend or require more details please contact John Mullett on 07702679191 or johnajmullett@gmail.com

Compass Café

"Encompasses the community"

Every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church.

Run each week (inc. school holidays) by one of four groups in the village. Very reasonably priced home made cakes and fair trade tea and coffee. Toys for children each week and baby clinic on 4th Thursdays. All ages very welcome.

Would your group like to earn some extra money?

When there is a 5th Thursday in a month we are looking for other groups to run Compass Café. It is quite easy and instructions will be given. You will need 5/6 people, 6 homemade cakes, 4 pints of milk and some tea towels! Everything else is supplied.

Please contact Sue Ellington for more information: sue.ellington@virgin.net or 01954 202923

5th Thursdays in 2017: 30th March, 29th June, 31st August & 30th November

SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Roman-Catholic Parish
19 Needingworth Road, St Ives, Cambs. PE27 5JT
served by the Congregation of the Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette (English, Polish, Italian)

Parish Priest: Father Karol Porczak MS

Tel: 01480 462 192
www.sacredheart-stives.org.uk
email: office@sacredheart-stives.org.uk

Mass Times:
Saturday 17.00 (Anticipatory)
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services and events of your parish church.

Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the month	11:00 am	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of the month	8:00 am 11:00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month	11:00 am 7:00 am	Holy Communion Sunday Sanctuary – Bethel Baptist Church
4th Sunday of the month	11:00 am	All Age Service
5th Sunday of the month	11:00 am	Holy Communion

To arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child please contact the Priest in Charge, Team Vicar or the Team Administrator:

Revd. Julie Anderson. Telephone: 01954 231496 or
Priest in Charge Email: julie_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk.

Team Vicar. Telephone: 01954 202912 or
Lynda Davies. Email: revlyndadavies559@gmail.com

Gillian Beal. Telephone: 01954 203459
Team Administrator. (Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 12:00) or
Email: admin@5folds.org.uk

To arrange use of the church for concerts or other events please contact either of the churchwardens:

Mr Iain Campbell. Telephone: 01954 230019 or
Email: IainJ.Campbell@sky.com

Mr Martin Herrington Telephone: 01954 230894 or
Email: ms_herrington@yahoo.co.uk

For Sunday School and the Baby and Toddler Services please contact:
Mrs Caroline Stevens Telephone: 01954 231433 or
Email: caroline@overroad.co.uk

St Andrew's Church Swavesey Website: www.honeyhill.org

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

Children and young people are very welcome at St Andrew's.

Sunday School

Children from the age of five are welcome to join our Sunday school each week during the 11 am service except, the 4th Sunday of the month when it is a Family Service and the children are in church.

For younger children, or those who prefer to stay with their parents we have "fidget bags" (bags of books and toys) for use during the services.

Baby and Toddler Services

An informal service aimed at preschool age children and their parents and carers held on the second Monday of each month at 10.30 am. Please come and join us for a story, songs, prayer, craft, drink and a biscuit and a chance to chat with others.

When the second Monday occurs in the school holidays, please bring your school age children too.

Bell Ringing

Anyone from the age of about ten years is welcome to come along and find out more. Tuesdays between 7.30 and 9 pm.

Church Choir

Our Church choir welcomes new members. We're a friendly group that performs items for special services, accompanies the main church services and leads congregational singing. We cover a mix of traditional choral work and more modern styles. Pieces range from four-part to unison. We're particularly keen to recruit tenors and basses but all voices are welcome.
Contact John Mullett. Telephone: 077026 79191 or
Email: johnajmullett@gmail.com

Compass Café

We host Compass Café on the third Thursday of each month at Bethel Baptist Church, 10.30 until 12 noon. Come along for a drink and a chat

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

113 Middle Watch, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire CB24 4RP
www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE
All WELCOME

Something for ALL the family!
10:45 am each week
with activities for children of all ages

First Sunday in the Month:
Church around the coffee table
Why not come and try it?

MONDAY NIGHT CLUBS

Explorers, Adventurers and Survivors
Fun and Games for Children in Keystage 1, 2 and 3

Come and Join us at **6:00pm on Mondays** for an hour of fun activities as we learn about the Christian faith through stories, music and discussions.
(Survivors meet at 7:00pm)

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

the Hub @ Bethel

Open Access Youth Café for Students

Year 6 and 7

Wireless Internet Access — Music — XBox

Wii — Tuck Shop — Table Tennis

and many more activities

Fridays 7pm to 9pm
Bethel Baptist Church Swavesey
(Parents are required to sign and return consent form)

For more information on all of our events and activities:
Please feel free to contact David Mann, our minister at:
minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk or 01954230458

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear All
Well 2016 gave us many surprises and considerable challenges which we must face in 2017. Nationally we have negotiations around leaving the European Union , and what the new president of the USA will do. Locally, at South Cambs District Council we are negotiating Devolution, and the local Plan, but here in Swavesey we are seeking to address the issues raised by the growth in planning applications.

The Parish Council have been very active in identifying issues around flood risk, school places and traffic movements associated with each proposal. The general meeting in November showed the strength of feeling within the village, and I think everybody recognises the need for local affordable housing. But the potential growth in Swavesey would prevent the gradual absorption of new families into the community. It is unsustainable, and South Cambs District Authority have a policy of ensuring villages are protected and sustainable. I will do everything I can to ensure they stick to their policy.

The Devolution deal was agreed in November and South Cambs are in the implementation phase. The election of a Mayor will take place on 4th May 2017 at the same time as County Council elections. I think it is going to be difficult to find a candidate who can represent the whole of the area including Peterborough , the County Council, Huntingdon, Cambridge City, Fenland and East Cambs and have the skill to bring all those together for the benefit of all the residents. In the mean time the proposals for further devolved powers are being developed for announcement in the Spring Budget.

The District Council member boundaries are going to change in 2018 when membership of the Council will reduce from 57 to 45. The Swavesey constituency will include Fen Drayton and Lolworth and the Council will move to 4 year elections for all members instead of the previous one third elections. However if the village grows by the number of current planning applications, the electoral commission will have to have a rethink!

I hope you all had a good New Year.

Sue Ellington - South Cambs District Council
cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk
01954 202923
07774 146331

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity

make a WILL month

...throughout March 2017

Have you got round to making or updating your Will?

Now's the time!

Local solicitors and Will writers are kindly donating their time to write or update a standard Will in return for a donation to Arthur Rank Hospice.

Make a Will to make sure those you care about most are provided for - it's easier than you think.

For more details,
visit **http://www.arhc.org.uk/Makeawill.asp**
or call **01223 675881**
email **lucy.day@arhc.org.uk**

Registered Charity No. 1133354

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News November-December 2016

COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Highways Department has published statutory notices to enable work on yellow lines and the marking of parking bays in Market Street and better parking restrictions outside the Primary School, to proceed following the period for consultation and comments from parishioners currently underway.

The PC is continuing to follow up repairs to the highways. The surface water drainage works for Gibraltar Lane and Black Horse Lane are delayed due to consultations with Anglian Water and linking to school holiday periods.

The County Council has reinstated winter gritting to Ramper Road.

Councillors together with representatives from the OWLS Community Car Scheme and the Allotment Association attended the Parish and Town Conference on 18th November which was held to share ideas between Parish Councils on community facilities and services. The County launched its Innovation Fund for Parish Councils, to provide funding to set up community services with a local focus and save expenditure by the County Council. The PC agreed to consider a possible grant application to support a Community Transport initiative in association with neighbouring parishes and to look at how Community Land Trusts Work.

The PC has submitted a bid for further traffic calming to restrict speeding in Ramper Road under the County's Local Highway Improvement Initiative.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

The PC agreed to nominate the following groups for the District Council's Community Awards:

Compass Café – Outstanding Local Service/amenity category.

SVC Student Enrichment Week – Environment Award

Bethel Church community rooms – Outstanding Local Service/Amenity Category

Hale Road Allotment Site - Outstanding Local Service/Amenity Category

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS

The PC received updates from our coordinator who will attend the next police liaison meeting.

Concern was expressed at the number of burglaries in the village. The PC has been made aware of cars parking on pavements and causing concern and problems for wheelchair users and parents with prams etc. This is a particular problem at school start and finish times. Please park with consideration and treat pedestrians with respect! Parish Councillors will continue to visit the area around the school to monitor the parking problem and seek to remind drivers of the need for care and consideration.

COUNCIL NEWS

VILLAGE MATTERS

A project to improve the public open space area between Priory Avenue and Carters Way with planting, new ground surfaces, seating and play features has been agreed. The PC is to progress the project for completion in the new year.

DRAINAGE

Work to raise and strengthen the river bank between Covel's Drain and Webb's Hole is expected to start in early spring dependent on weather conditions.

The Environment Agency's flood map for planning on its website is now correct.

PLANNING

The planning application for 30 new dwellings at 18 Boxworth End was granted on appeal earlier this year. The site is now up for sale for housebuilders to carry out the project.

The planning application for 70 houses on the Scambler Trust site, off Boxworth End, was refused planning permission by the District Council in October.

The application by Bloor Homes for 99 homes behind Gibraltar Lane is to go to the planning committee of SCDC in January. The Chairman will attend the committee to make clear the opposition of the PC for this project.

A planning application for up to 90 homes off Boxworth End and Ramper Road has been submitted by Gladman Developments. The PC will be considering the application at its January 12th Planning Meeting. The full application can be viewed on the SCDC planning portal on their web site.

The PC continues to request action from the owners and District Council on 37 Market Street, the derelict listed building at the end of Market Street Green.

The PC has commented on a number of applications for extensions and developments of one or more houses. These can be viewed on the SCDC planning portal on their website, and the comments of the PC in minutes on the village website

The PC agreed to become a member of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The PC is proceeding to support the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Swavesey and agreed to include a budget of £3,000 in the next financial year to support the work on the plan. The PC feel the plan is going to be important to assist in taking the development of the village more under local control as the village develops in the future.

QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL

Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

Swavesey Parish Council
Website:- www.swavesey.org.uk

Parish Councillors	Telephone	E-mail address
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Lisa Boyes	232603	windmillkennels@oneservice.co.uk
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Stuart Faben	07887 906982	stuart@fabenjoinery.com
Hannah Parish	203035	hannah.parish@niab.com
Colin Parsons	230861	trinityengineering@sky.com
Sandie Smith	232356	cambridgegills@hotmail.co.uk
Keith Wilderspin	230083	keith.wilderspin@btinternet.com
Doug Hunt	232478	doughuntuk@yahoo.co.uk
Clerk		
Linda Miller	202982	clerk@swavesey.org.uk
District Councillor		
Sue Ellington	202923	sue.ellington@virgin.net
County Councillor		
Mandy Smith Papworth & Swavesey Ward	230248	mandysmith1235@btconnect.com
Memorial Hall Administrator		
Nicole Mullee	07963 861791	memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

New Parish Council Website
www.swavesey.org.uk

Same website address but now with an improved and updated look

Take a look to find out….

- the latest news and information about the village
- agendas, minutes and Parish Council news
- links to village clubs and organisations
- links to District and County Council consultations

Welcome to our first A14 Monthly Council Bulletin.

Extract from the A14 Integrated Delivery Team Bulletin
In each bulletin we will summarise scheme progress in the previous month, along with a forward look at activity for the next month. To hopefully make it easy for you to pick up the relevant items of interest the latter we will split into three separate geographical areas. These three areas are listed below, along with the contact details of the respective Stakeholder Manager for that area.

Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line; Jon Lewell jon.lewell@thea14.com
East Coast Main Line to Swavesey; Jade Pettit jade.pettit@thea14.com
Swavesey to Milton; Bob Pettipher bob.pettipher@thea14.com

We also have a 24hr public helpline 0800 270 0114 which will be answered by a team member during site hours 0800-1700 and where messages can be left at other times.

These bulletins will be in addition to the quarterly newsletters published, the project website we update (highways.gov/uk/A14C2H) and our new social media pages, which will launch in early 2017. Our Facebook page is, www.facebook.com/A14C2H and our twitter account, @A14C2H

For any letters you may wish to send our address will be;
A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme
Project Office, High Street, Boxworth, Cambridgeshire, CB23 4NG

Since September the A14 project team have been undertaking preparatory works in advance of main construction. These works have included site clearance, ecology mitigation (for badgers, water vole, great crested newts and bats), boundary fencing and archaeology. We have also been constructing our site compounds at Alconbury, Brampton, Ermine Street and Swavesey.

Section 4 & 5 - Swavesey to Milton
The main compound at Swavesey will be ready for occupation in January 2017, with a new entrance created near to the traffic island at Cambridge services. Archaeology will continue at Girton Junction and next to the A14 close to the Dry Drayton turn.

Site clearance will continue in preparation for construction works and this will mean a number of lane closures along the A14. These works will be undertaken at night between 8pm and 6am to minimise any disruption. Where necessary the details of necessary traffic management will be forwarded to the appropriate parish councils in Advance.

Advanced Notice
To allow safe construction of the new local access road between Dry Drayton & Huntingdon Road, Cambridge it will be necessary to undertake a temporary closure of part of the Avenue in Madingley. A temporary traffic order is in place that authorises closure of the Avenue from its junction with the A14, to its junction with Dry Drayton Road. This closure will come into effect on Monday 20th February 2017 and will last until Thursday 1st March 2018. As a consequence of this there will no access either onto the A14 from the Avenue, or from the A14 into the Avenue

Daisy Loveland. A Swavesey Childhood, 1880 to 1896. Part 1 of 5. Daisy is born in Swavesey.

This is the typed version of a beautifully hand-written story set down in 1963 by Mrs Daisy Peters of Barnstaple in Devon when she was 83 years old. It was written at the suggestion of her son Bernard. Mrs Peters was formerly Daisy Loveland of London House, now the Costcutter Store, in Swavesey. It needs to be read slowly because Daisy darts around, using short sentences to pack a lot of information into each paragraph.

The old poem "I remember, I remember the house where I was born" is true in my case – it was in a large-sized village called Swavesey in Cambridgeshire.

My parents who were business people from London came here in 1880, the year I was born. I understand my mother had to leave London for reasons of health and having a relative in this village, (the widow of Rev. Jeremiah Calender Wooster) and knowing that the village stores was to let they thought that this would be just the place. My two sisters were born in London and as I was a country baby I was named Daisy – my sisters were Patience Harriet and Annie Margaret. After me came Sadler John and then twin boys, William and Harrold. Harrold died at three months and I can remember seeing him then – also his funeral as I was taken to the home of the little nursemaid who looked after the babies. I must have been 4½ to 5 years old. I also visited the little grave with some wax flowers afterwards covered with a glass cover, very popular then as I believe they still are.

The house where I was born was called London House - very roomy and comfortable – a large general shop – grocery, drapery, crockery, oils, boots and shoes, clothing, corduroy trousers, millinery and tobacco. I always enjoyed lifting the lead covers from the stone tobacco jars – the smell was lovely. Shag was weighed up in half ounce packets costing about 3d (just over 1p in 2017) I believe. Also simple medicines were sold – Friars Balsam, Spirits of Camphor, Beechams Pills at 3 for a penny – not many aspired to buy a box in those days as wages were very low.

The shop was double fronted and one side had a good display of drapery, shoes etc. and the other groceries etc. There was a partly glazed door leading to the residential part with a lace curtain over it, where one could peep to see who was in the shop if the bell rang during meal times. There was a large warehouse at the back with sugar bins and sugar barrels - crockery - treacle in large containers - safes with shelves full of butter from various farms. This was in rolls ten to

twelve inches long stamped with a cow or other design to show which farm it came from. I saw some of these markers in Barnstaple quite recently (1963).

Through the large warehouse was our garden. The apple tree I most remember was called "Quarrestone" or today it may be a different name. I saw some in the "Pannier Market" this summer (1963) and felt like buying some but they looked too hard for me to enjoy now. Nothing seems to taste the same as when one was young. Also there was lovely red and white currants on the walls, golden plums etc. One wall faced the road and had a letterbox in it. It was quite an event when the postman came to empty it. We felt very important because we thought that letterbox was ours.

In the back yard there was stabling for the two horses, Kitty and Polly, a shed for the trap for the delivery of goods to the villages and a hearse house so when there was a funeral we knew all about it. The funeral furnishings were kept in a large cupboard up the back stairs. There was a coalhouse and a salt house stacked with bars of salt – pieces were sawn up for a halfpenny and a penny. The other conveniences were round a private corner.

Community Groups & Charities

Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:-www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919).
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fund raise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is a national charity and centre of excellence in training dogs to alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals in the home, work place and public buildings. Contact:- Jenny Parker (Branch Organiser and Speaker) 01223 833562 (evenings only), jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
Help the Heroes	We support those wounded in the service of our country. Contact:- 01480 478526
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver
Swavesey Village College Community Education	Evening courses in a variety of subjects and day workshops. Contact:- Adult Education, Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambs, CB24 4RS. Telephone: 01954 230373 E-mail: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk Website: www.swaveseyvc.co.uk

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Alan Stagg on 01480 830708
Over District Girlguiding Swavesey and Over	**Unit** / **Evening** / **Contact** Swavesey Rainbows / Thurs / caroline@overroad.co.uk Swavesey Brownies / Mon / brownowl1@virginmedia.com Swavesey Guides / Thurs / swaveseyguides@gmail.com Over Rainbows / Mon & Tue Over Brownies / Wed & Thurs Over Guides / Tue * For information about the Over units or to volunteer in girlguidng, please email:- overdistrictcomm@gmail.com
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact:- Chairman - Simon Dawson on 01954 202233 Secretary - Dave Rudderham on 01954 203258 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on 07803050234 s2art53@yahoo.co.uk
1st Swavesey Cub Pack	The Cubs meet at the Scout Hut every Tuesday - 6:15pm – 7:30pm & Friday 5:30pm – 6:45pm. Leader Lynda Mayer 01954 204768 Email:- s.mayer@ntlworld.com
1st Swavesey Sea Scouts	The Scout Group meets every Friday during term time at the Scout Hut on the SVC site (between the youth centre and the squash courts) from 7.30pm. Scout Leader is Andrew Batey; contact: scouts@onthemeridian.org.uk
Swavesey Kids Club	Swavesey Kids Club provides craft/play activities and care for children before and after school, in a friendly and secure environment. Breakfast Club – meets from 7.30am in the Primary School Hall, with breakfast available until 8.15am. After School Club meets 3.15pm-6.00pm weekdays in term time at Swavesey Primary School. For information about either club please contact Carol Panther (manager) 07803812221
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details contact: Audrey Caldwell: acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk
Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.

British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974.
Bell Ringers	Practice night Tuesdays, 7.30-9.00pm at St Andrew's Church. New ringers of all ages welcome. Contact Tower Captain Andrew Stevens on (01954 231433) for details. Email: andrew@overroad.co.uk Website: www.honeyhill.org/bells.htm
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert W Bond (01954) 203645 or Secretary Angela Dye (01954) 230484
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113)
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring John Turner (01954) 202076.
Fenland Squash Club	If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000) Website: www.fenlandsquash.org.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Carol Shaw Room, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Chapel 9-30 to 11-30am and Fridays at the Memorial Hall 7-15 to 9-15pm. All levels welcome, from absolute beginners to intermediates. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at Over Town Hall starting in September at 7.30pm Contacts: Frances Parish: 01480 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Chris Avery (01954) 781233. Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

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